From: Rick Gates

To: Branstad, Eric (Federal)
Cc: Thomas Hodgkins
Subject: Circinus LLC

**Date:** Thursday, August 10, 2017 8:55:39 AM

Attachments: (b)(4)

#### Eric-

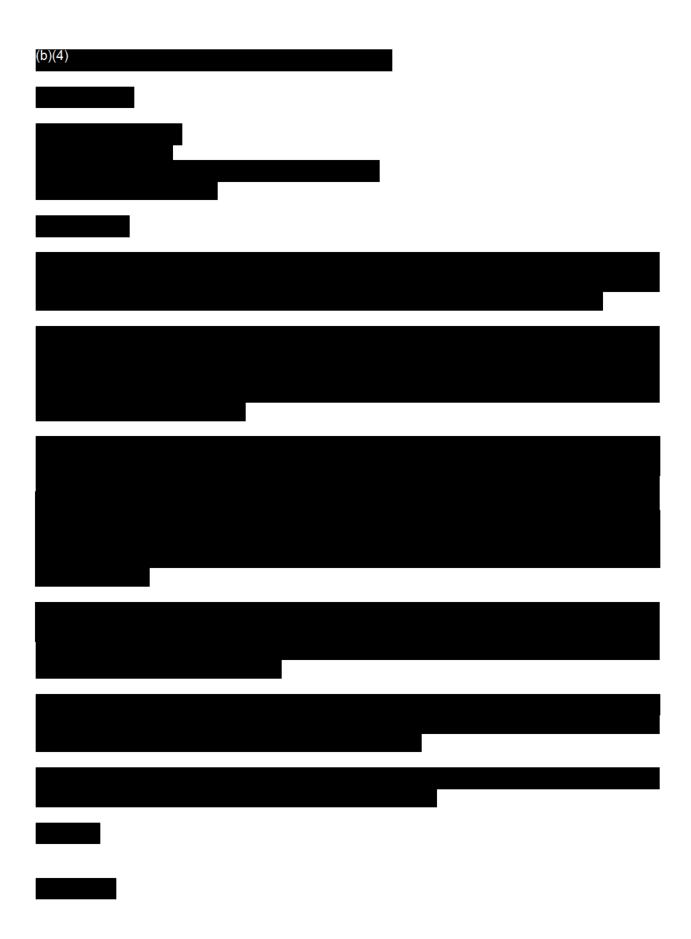
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Regards,

Rick



From: Thomas Hodgkins

Branstad, Eric (Federal); Rick Gates To:

Subject: Re: Circinus LLC

Date: Thursday, August 17, 2017 11:00:58 AM

Eric,

Hope this finds you doing well... any update on this item? Let us know if you need any additional information.

All the best...

#### Thomas Hodgkins (b)(6)

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From: "Branstad, Eric (Federal)" <EBranstad@doc.gov>

Date: 8/10/17 10:56 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: Rick Gates (b)(6)

Ce: Thomas Hodgkins (b)(6)

Subject: Re: Circinus LLC

On it!

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From: **Thomas Hodgkins** 

Branstad, Eric (Federal); Rick Gates To:

Subject: Re: Circinus LLC

Thursday, September 14, 2017 9:23:20 AM Date:

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From: Thomas Hodgkins
To: Branstad, Eric (Federal)
Subject: Fwd: Circinus LLC

Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 7:36:21 PM

Hit send too fast... also wanted to follow up on Joel and the potential for Sec. Ross to spend time with the members of the national restaurant association in November. Safe travels

## Thomas Hodgkins

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----- Original message -----

From: Thomas Hodgkins (b)(6)

Date: 9/20/17 6:31 PM (GMT-06:00)

To: Thomas Hodgkins (b)(6)

Subject: Re: Circinus LLC

Great seeing you... just a quick follow up on the letter we discussed. Give me a call on next steps. Hope things go well in China.

# Thomas Hodgkins (b)(6)

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Eric Branstad From:

Branstad, Eric (Federal) To:

Subject: Fwd: Email

Date: Thursday, October 05, 2017 12:51:52 PM

Eric D. Branstad (b)(6)

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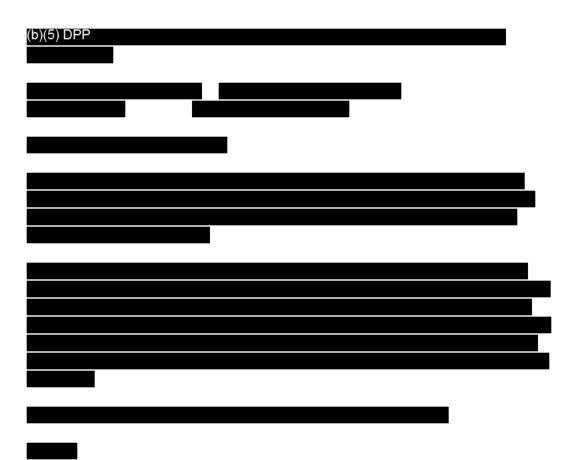
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From: Thomas Hodgkins (b)(6)

Date: October 2, 2017 at 1:45:58 PM CDT To: '(branstad(b)(6) "(b)(6)

To: 's branstad (b)(6)
Subject: Fw: Email



From: <u>Stephen Renna</u>
To: <u>Branstad, Eric (Federal)</u>

Subject: Re: Romania

Date: Monday, November 13, 2017 7:16:43 PM

Got it under control. I spoke with the Romanian (b)(4)

Stephen M. Renna
Director, Advocacy Center/International Trade Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
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From: Branstad, Eric (Federal) <EBranstad@doc.gov> Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 2:14:02 AM

**To:** Stephen Renna **Subject:** Romania

Any update on (b)(4)

Thanks E

Sent from my iPhone